

# STATEWIDE PLANNING e-NEWS

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## We're Here to Help

One of the central missions of the [Statewide Planning Program](#) is to enable cities and towns to create great communities.

The staff of the Statewide Planning Program is here to help, with everything from document review to data gathering, fact checking to facilitation. Our staff has expertise in a variety of topics, including GIS and mapping, public participation, data analysis, redevelopment planning and urban design.

If you think your community could benefit from the assistance of the Statewide Planning Program, contact Jared Rhodes at 222-5772 or [Jared.Rhodes@doa.ri.gov](mailto:Jared.Rhodes@doa.ri.gov).



## Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation Funding Opportunities

The Georgetown Climate Center (GCC) is pleased to release an application to provide in-kind legal and policy support for state and local adaptation projects. GCC provides assistance to state and local communities that are preparing for and responding to the impacts of climate change. GCC is seeking applications from government entities (or NGOs working with government entities) that need legal or policy support to identify or implement adaptation policies. Examples of previous GCC projects include [model codes](#), analyses of legal [authority](#), [toolkits](#), and more. GCC will be accepting applications through Friday, January 3, 2014, and will be announcing selected projects by the end of January 2014. This assistance is made possible by the generous support of the Kresge Foundation. For more information, visit <http://www.georgetownclimate.org/application-for-requesting-in-kind-legal-and-policy-support-for-adaptation-projects-from-the-georget>

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), on behalf of the U.S. Department of the Interior, is pleased to announce the availability of \$100 million in grant funding under the Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grant Program. Funding will support projects that reduce communities' vulnerability to the growing risks from coastal storms, sea level rise, flooding, erosion and associated threats through strengthening natural ecosystems that also benefit fish and wildlife. Eligible projects include:

- Project planning and design (up to \$250,000)
- Coastal resiliency assessments (up to \$1 million)
- Restoration and resiliency projects (\$250,000 - \$5 million)
- Green infrastructure (\$250,000 - \$1 million)

Community coastal resiliency planning (\$100,000 - \$500,000)

Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, local governments and agencies, recognized tribes, state government agencies and academic institutions. Deadline for proposals is January 31, 2014.

For those interested in further details on the program, a webinar for prospective applicants will be held on December 17, 2013. NFWF also held a regional workshop at the University of Rhode Island on November 19, 2013. Further information on how to register for the webinar and the formal Request for Proposals can be accessed at <http://www.nfwf.org/hurricanesandy>.

**Division of Planning  
Committee Meetings****State Planning Council**

December 12th, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Conference Room A

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/planningcouncil/>**Technical Committee**

December 6th, 9:00 a.m.

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Conference Room A

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/technical/>**Transportation Advisory Committee**

NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

Conference Room A

<http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/transportation>

## State of Rhode Island

**Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission****Call for ideas: 2014****R.I. Statewide Historic Preservation Conference**

The R.I. Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission is planning the 29th Annual Rhode Island Statewide Historic Preservation Conference for Saturday, April 26, 2014 in Warren with visits to Barrington and the region. Have a suggestion for a conference workshop, tour, or speaker? Workshops run 75 minutes long and focus on topics like village revitalization, preservation education, local history, archaeology, etc. Tours run 1.25, 2.5, or 3 hours long.

To share your idea, email Sarah Zurier at [srah.zurier@preservation.ri.gov](mailto:srah.zurier@preservation.ri.gov). If you are suggesting a topic for a tour or workshop, please include the names of potential speakers or organizations that might participate.

**WTS-HOLIDAY SOCIAL**

Come and celebrate the holiday season with WTS-Rhode Island on Thursday, December 12 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM for an informal gathering at P.F. Chang's at Providence Place Mall in Providence, RI. Complimentary appetizers and a cash bar will be provided.

Reservations are required! Please RSVP by 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 5, 2013. To RSVP, contact Angela Saunders at 401-333-2382 or [wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com](mailto:wtsrhodeisland@gmail.com).

**Working with [ArcGIS.com](http://ArcGIS.com): Maps and Geographic Data on the Web****Date: January 7, 2014; 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Registration Fee : \$100**

**Summary:** This is a half-day training program that will introduce you to ESRI's online mapping applications available at [ArcGIS.com](http://ArcGIS.com) and give you the tools to access the volumes of data being served from RIGIS which are easily accessible in this interface.

Explore ready to use map services from [RIGIS](http://RIGIS) and others (hundreds of maps!)

- Query existing data
- Build your own maps using readily available data from RIGIS and other sources
- Create your own data (import: .csv, .txt, addresses, .gpx, heads-up digitizing)
- Share your maps via e-mail, Facebook, Twitter or embed the code into your own website

**[ArcGIS Online](http://ArcGIS Online)**, services developed by ESRI® that allow users to upload, download, and create data. Users may choose to make their map data public or limit access by using groups.

**Requirements:** This course



## NEDA Fall 2013 Webinars

This fall, NEDA is offering a series of webinars discussing the importance of transportation within economic development. These webinars are **FREE** to active members, and only cost \$25 for non-active users. Listed below are the dates and times of these webinars and links to their registration pages. ***Please note that once you hit submit on the registration forms, you will be invoiced. If you are an active member, we will void that invoice out for you shortly after you complete registration.***

**Title:** [NEDA: Freight Transport and Economic Development](#)

**Date:** Thursday, December 5, 2013

**Time:** 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM EST

[Click here for more information regarding the speakers for this presentation webinar.](#)

*Economic development officials across the nation have identified distribution centers and logistics support facilities as major components of economic development strategies. Investments to support freight transportation facilities contribute significantly to achieving regional and local economic development and business site selection goals.*

*State and local planners, economic development officials and business leaders generally understand that efficient goods movement is critical to support and expand local manufacturing sectors, but is also a source of well-paying jobs in the logistics sector. The public stakes are high; with constant improvement in communications, supply chain visibility and logistics management expertise, our nationwide transportation and distribution system has become an essential component of industries' ability to compete globally in both basic and emerging technology-driven industries. Efficient logistics operations also support cost-effective goods transportation for consumers and contribute to providing low-cost access to our everyday household needs.*

*Effective planning and development of freight transportation infrastructure represents strategic investment in our regions' economic vitality as measured by jobs, wages, and gross regional product. Hear from leaders in industry and government about how proposed investments in new and expanded freight transportation will bolst*



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## Municipal Training

Contact Jodi Castallo,  
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or 401-273-5711 ext. 6 or visit [www.growsmartri.org](http://www.growsmartri.org)

### Writing Sound Decisions

Writing Sound Decisions is designed to help municipal planners, legal staff and boards and commissions write decisions whose content will hold up in court and whose clarity will make them readily understandable for both enforcement officers and property owners. It is specifically intended to address the problem, noted repeatedly in recent Superior Court and Supreme Court decisions, that written decisions coming out of municipal planning boards and zoning boards do not explain how the evidence contained in the record led the board to reach its conclusions. Taught by Rhode Island land-use attorney Nancy Letendre, the program is grounded in Rhode Island law and cites recent Rhode Island Superior and Supreme Court decisions. The workshop handbook provides both a summary of material covered in the workshop and appendices that include templates for simple decisions, examples of appropriate content for more complex decisions and a glossary of terms. The workshop culminates in a hands-on writing exercise.

The workshop will be held on **Wednesday, December 11, 2013 from 5:30pm until 8:30pm** (including a light supper) in Woonsocket.

**REGISTRATION FEE ASSISTANCE!** The Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust is partnering with the Land-Use Training Collaborative to provide registration fee assistance for Trust members for this workshop. The registration fee for the workshop is scaled according to Member participation levels in The Trust. Trust Members who participate in both the Property/ Liability Pool and the Workers' Compensation Pool may register people free of charge. Trust Members who participate in only one Trust Pool may register people for 50% of the standard fee (ie, \$15.00). Non-Trust members pay the standard registration fee (\$30.00.)

The workshop is supported by the RI Division of Planning-Statewide Program with funding provided by the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

### Design Guidelines and Standards Workshop

This is a workshop for RI municipal planners and planning boards who are considering the use of design guidelines/standards for development in order to achieve/maintain the physical character that the community desires. The workshop will provide guidance about how a community can go about answering two key questions:

- **What do we want?** Architect Don Powers of Union Studio Architecture and Community Design will discuss how a community goes about engaging officials and citizens in analyzing the existing physical character of an area and arriving at a community consensus about what they want the area to be like in the future.
- **How should we use our community planning/regulatory framework to get what we want?** Nate Kelly of Horsley Witten will discuss the different approaches a municipality can use for incorporating design goals into RI's legally mandated community planning framework (ie, comprehensive plan, ordinances, regulations) and how to determine which approach is best suited to a given community.

The workshop will be held on **Wednesday, December 4, 2013 from 6:30pm until 9:00pm** in Middletown.

This workshop is **free of charge**, but limited seating is available. Advance registration by Thursday, November 21st is required. Registration will be closed once capacity has been reached. The workshop is **eligible for 2.5 AICP CM credits**.

For full information go to [www.growsmartri.org](http://www.growsmartri.org) or contact Jodi Castallo, Training Coordinator, [jcastallo@growsmartri.org](mailto:jcastallo@growsmartri.org) or 401-273-5711 ext. 6.

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